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FIRST RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants submit the following amendment and remarks to the non-final Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 25, 2007 (Paper No. 20070917).

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is not believed that additional fees are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in the documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional fees are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net additions of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to 20-0078.